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1. AGATT HAS AGAIN BEEN ASKED BY GOM OFFICIAL (RAMOS CANTORAL, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS) ABOUT THIRD COUNTRY STATUS IN REGARD TO QUOTA ACCOUNTING FOR BEEF IMPORTED AS TSUS 106.10 OR 106.20 SUBSEQUENTLY PROCESSED IN THE THIRD COUNTRY AND ENTERING THE US AS A TSUS ITEM NOT EXPLICITLY COVERED BY THE VRP AGREEMENTS. WILL THE PROCESSED MEAT BE CHARGED TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR COUNTRY OF PROCESSING?

2. THE PROPOSED REGULATION REF (C) APPEARS TO ADDRESS THE VRP CIRCUMVENTION PROBLEM AS IIT OCCURS SPECIFICALLY IN FOREIGN TRADE ZONES, WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT SUCH MEAT WILL BE CHARGED TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ORIGINATING COUNTRY. FURTHER EXPLANATION OF PARA 3 IN LAYMEN'S

LANGUAGE WOULD BE APPRECIATED BEFORE PRESENTING THIS TO GOM OFFICIALS.

3. GOM OFFICIAL IS DESIROUS OF AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION AS IT APPLIES TO PROCESSING IMPORTED BEEF IN MEXICO FOR RESHIPMENT TO THE US AS A TSUS ITEM NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THE VRP AGREEMENT.

4. IT HAS BEEN OUR POLICY TO DISCOURAGE MEXICANS FROM ATTEMPTING TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE VRP CIRCUMVENTION SCHEMES THAT APPEAR TO BE VIABLE ONLY SO LONG AS THE "LOOPHOLE" EXISTS. WE HAVE INDICATED THE "LOOPHOLES" WOULD NO DOUBT BE CLOSED IF AN APPRECIABLE VOLUME OF MEAT WAS TO FLOW THROUGH THEM. WILL THE PROPOSED REGULATION CLOSE THE "LOOPHOLE" AS IT APPEARS TO EXIST FOR PROCESSING IN MEXICO? WE HAVE NO RECORD OF USG DECISION ON PANAMA CASE (REF D). JOVA

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